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The digital version of the weekly Notice to Mariners is available on the Maritime Safety Information website at <http://pollux.nss.nga.mil/> or through the NGA home page (www.nga.mil). All of the information and data contained in the hard copy Notice is also available on this website. Customers can rely on the same quality of data that the Notice to Mariners provides to the civil and military mariner with the advantages afforded by the Internet. Customers can access daily navigational safety updates and not be hampered by weekly mail deliveries of the hard copy Notice.

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- the Charts-on-Demand chart distributed by OceanGrafix (www.OceanGrafix.com), and
- the traditional NOAA/NOS paper chart distributed by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

The Charts-on-Demand chart is available the day after NOAA clears a New Edition for release. The traditional chart is available two to eight weeks later. Each is official, should be put into service immediately, and meets Federal chart carriage requirements immediately upon its release. For questions, contact NOAA at help@nauticalcharts.gov or call 301-713-1773 x105. Dates of Latest Edition for both charts are listed at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>.

This week's new edition released by NOAA is listed below:

11328	24 th Ed. Sep 2004 NEW EDITION TX-HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL-ATKINSON ISLAND TO ALEXANDER ISLAND (New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariner changes.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:10,000
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13251	15 th Ed. Sep 2004 NEW EDITION MA-BARNSTABLE HARBOR (New edition due to change in format.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:20,000